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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3773
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, NI
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NIGERIA SUSPENDS MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES

1. ACCORDING TO MEMBERS OF THE LEBANESE COMMUNITY HERE, NIGERIA RECENTLY SUSPENDED TRAFFIC RIGHTS OF MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES OF BEIRUT WHEN NEGOTIATIONS OVER A NEW CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT BROKE DOWN. THE SUSPENSION ENDED MIDDLE EAST'S ONCE-WEEKLY (MONDAY) BEIRUT-LAGOS-BEIRUT SERVICE ONLY A FEW MONTHS AFTER IT RESUMED FOLLOWING THE REOPENING OF BEIRUT'S AIRPORT. OFFICIAL MAIL SERVICE TO AND FROM BEIRUT RESUMED ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO. BEIRUT TRAVELERS MUST NOW TRANSFER AT CAIRO.

2. REASONS FOR THE SUSPENSION ARE UNCLEAR. INFORMANTS ATTRIBUTE IT BOTH TO LEBANON'S INSISTENCE ON LANDING RIGHTS AT BOTH KANO AND LAGOS AND TO THE LEBANESE NEGOTIATOR'S BRUSQUENESS.
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THEY HOPE NEGOTIATIONS WILL RESUME AFTER A COOLING-OFF PERIOD.

3. COMMENT: NIGERIA'S CIVAIR OFFICIALS OCCASIONALLY HINT AT CANCELLING PANAM'S PERMIT UNLESS A FORMAL AGREEMENT IS NEGOTIATED SOON. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE BEIRUT SUSPENSION IS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT OR A NEW POLICY. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR BY NOW THAT NIGERIA'S CIVAIR OFFICIALS ARE QUICK TO TAKE OFFENSE

AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE HANDLED CAREFULLY.

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